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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
 Chief Clerk & Administrator  
 Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program  
**Docket No. 2015-55-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports the letter submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on August 28, 2018, in the above referenced Docket. In the letter, DEC proposes to amend its tariffs for the Small Solar Rebate Program and Large Solar Rebate Program ("Programs") to adjust when the early termination charges for the respective programs are assessed.

Under the existing tariff provisions, participants in the Programs must operate their respective solar generating facility for a minimum of five years. If a customer terminates his or her agreement for electric service before the five-year period has expired, the customer is assessed an early termination charge. The Company believes that eliminating the early termination charge for program participants in certain circumstances<sup>1</sup> may result in a more equitable and appropriate arrangement for its customers.

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<sup>1</sup> The Company's proposed tariff revision states that, "the early termination charge will not be assessed if the termination is for good cause, including due to Acts of God or the relocation of the customer."

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AM Bateman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via- E-mail)